**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 3277

Youichi YAMADA, et al.

Art Unit: 2837

Serial No.: 09/359,793

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Filed: July 26, 1999

Docket No.: 107156-09038

For: AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT AND FEE TRANSMITTAL****Mail Stop Amendment**

Director of the U.S. PTO

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Date: May 17, 2004

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is attached.
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a statement previously submitted.
- ☐ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☒ The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

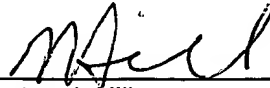
(Column 1)				(Column 2)		(Column 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADD'L FEE	OR	RATE	ADD'L FEE			
TOTAL CLAIMS	50 MINUS	20	=30	x 9	\$		x 18	\$540			
INDEP CLAIMS	6 MINUS	3	=3	x 43	\$		x 86	\$258			
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+145	\$	OR	+290	\$			
					\$			\$798			

☒ Check number      in the amount of \$798.00 is attached for: Extra Claims.



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Respectfully submitted,



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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This paper is filed with a Request for Continued Examination and is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, after filing a Notice of Appeal on March 17, 2004. In the prosecution of the above-identified application please consider the following: